

PUBLIC NOTICE/NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
Bureau of Water
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF A DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Bureau of Water, is proposing to reissue a General NPDES Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities (Except Construction), NPDES No. SCR000000. The Department has formulated the proposed NPDES permit based on preliminary staff review and application of the Federal Clean Water Act, the Pollution Control Act, and other appropriate standards and regulations.

The permit authorizes stormwater discharges to Waters of the State of South Carolina as delineated in SC Reg. 61-9§122.26(b)(14) except new discharges to those classified as Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRW). The permit otherwise applies to all existing and new facilities with these discharges. This proposed NPDES general permit contains restrictions on these stormwater discharges including effluent limits, benchmarks, and best management practices (BMP). BMP for any given site can be prescriptive and/or open-ended based on the appropriate industrial sector(s). Those that are open-ended must meet selection and design criteria specified in the permit and demonstrate compliance with applicable effluent limits. For storm water discharges to water bodies subject to total maximum daily loads (TMDL), monitoring must demonstrate compliance with waste load allocations (WLA). For waters that are not subject to a WLA, the goal is to ensure that storm water discharges do not cause or contribute to excursions of water quality standards. A Fact Sheet is available.

The Department is seeking comments on this preliminary finding by close of business on July 15, 2016. In accordance with the Section D.(2), Antidegradation, of the State Water Quality Standards, this notice provides public participation and intergovernmental coordination for this decision. Persons wishing to comment on or object to either permit issuance or to the proposed permit conditions are invited to submit comments in writing by close of business on July 15, 2016 to the attention of: Marion "Mel" Leapheart II, SC DHEC; Stormwater, Construction, and Agricultural Permitting Division, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, Telephone: 803/898-4143. The permit number should be placed at the top of the first page of comments. **The Department will hold a public hearing on July 12, 2016 at 2:00 in the Peoples Auditorium, located at 2600 Bull Street in Columbia to receive any further comments. A summary presentation will be held immediately preceding the public hearing at 1:00 at the same location.** Any individuals with disabilities or special needs who wish to participate in these proceedings or review the Department's files on this matter should contact the person listed above two weeks before the hearing date to discuss any special aids or services required. DHEC is not involved in zoning, land use, or property tax/value issues. Contact your local City or Municipal officials for questions or concerns on these issues.

All comments received by July 15, 2016 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the permit. All persons submitting written comments will be notified of the final determinations. Additional information on proposed permit determinations and hearing procedures is available by writing or calling the Department at the above address or telephone number. This Notice, Fact Sheet and draft permit are also posted on the Department's Industrial Stormwater webpage:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/WaterQuality/Stormwater/ConstructionActivities/IndustrialActivities/>

Copies of a specific application or draft permit of interest to an individual, organization, or company must be requested in writing. A fee schedule has been established for processing these requests: Reproduction of documents - \$0.25 per page. Requests must be mailed to the Freedom of Information Office at 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, phone number: 803-898-3882; or requests may be faxed to the Freedom of Information Office at 803-898-3816. Arrangements can be made to review all the permit information at the Freedom of Information Office on the third floor of the Sims Building across from Peoples Auditorium. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons you know will be interested in this matter.